

Briefly Told

Serum remedies for asthma contain such substances as cat's fur, goose feathers, dog's hair, horse's mane, fish, onions, or other ingredients, according to the specific cause of the patient's asthma. Some cases are caused by inhalation of horse odor and dandruff; hence the inclusion of the offending substance in the curative serum.

The Soviet congress at Moscow recently voted that parliaments and legislatures were an imposition on the people. Bolsheviks in all parts of the world were urged to seek election to legislative bodies, for the purpose of breaking them up.

The Boston Bicycle Club is the oldest organization of its kind in America. For 37 years its members have participated in "The Wheel About the Hub," a 100-mile trip in the Boston region.

In Buffalo you are asked 10 or 15 cents for an apple, while 10 or 15 miles away the farmers, unable to get help, have placarded their orchards with signs "Help Yourselves."

The argument that the government should do as much for its people as for its animals is met by the statement that the people, not being animals, and being the government, should be able to do things for themselves.

It is stated that hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of United States supplies mysteriously disappear on their way to the Near East Relief.

Heart disease is not the barrier to an active life of usefulness as always has been supposed, said Dr. Frederick Brush to the National Society for the Promotion of Occupational Therapy. Nothing is gained and much lost by telling cardiac patients not to work, not to marry, not to play, and so on. Under proper supervision, the person with heart trouble can take a large part in active life.

Wasted heat from an eastern cement kiln is estimated to equal 48 tons of coal a day, and it will be utilized this winter to make steam for heating purposes.

The Susquehanna River will be dredged for refuse coal, which will be manufactured into briquettes for fuel.

The bees had an ailment last year which resembled influenza. This year, however, it seems to have disappeared, and honey production is expected to show an increase. The average last year was 65 pounds to the hive.

The flag of D'Annunzio, the Italian Jew who rules Fiume, is red, with gold stars and a serpent on it.

The famine belt of China contains 90,000 square miles and 30,000,000 people.

The former crown prince of Germany is becoming tired of his little island. He has asked for permission to return to Germany or, failing that, to be granted a different residence in Holland.

Police dogs are on trial as to their boasted usefulness as protectors. After 12 years' experience with them on the New York police force, they have dwindled in number to 8 or 10 and officials say that tales of their prowess are only legends.

Although he strongly opposed giving the ballot to women, Cardinal Gibbons says that now they have it they must use it.

Liquor gets no mercy in the United States Navy, not even as medicine, for a recent order of the Department strikes it off the medical list.

A French scientist advises tiptoeing for a few minutes each day as the best exercise for keeping in good health and prolonging life.

Modern Materialism does not stand long. Its supports crumbling, the building is in a state of constant repair and endless reconstruction. Witness the pace at which handbooks of science succeed one another, with new theories, each one as rational as its discredited predecessor. The brain-mind of man may deal in probabilities but the Soul looks upward to its higher self. —The Theosophical Path.

A Kansas lawyer comes forward with a proposal that Congress be cut down to one house and that each state have but one representative. This body would then merely frame alternative laws to be submitted to the people for referendum.

Theodore Roosevelt once predicted that Alaska would, within a century, support as large a population as the entire Scandinavian Peninsula, that Alaska with its enormous resources of mineral and great fisheries would produce as hardy and vigorous a race as any part of America.

The edict of banishment against the Braganza family issued by Brazil has been removed. This will result in the removal of the remains of Don Pedro, Second, last emperor of Brazil, and his queen from Lisbon, Portugal, to Rio de Janeiro.

Washington, D. C., is feeling the benefits of water transport development. Besides getting much of its coal via canal boats it is also receiving many fruits and vegetables from the farms of Maryland. The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal connects the city with Cumberland, Maryland, following the Potomac River.

A college professor was refused the hand in marriage of a Chicago girl because the father declared that this was the age of industry, not of learning and that he wanted his daughter to marry someone who could provide her with motor cars, theaters and other luxuries.

The followers of Mahomet believe that on the last day all artists and sculptors will be called upon to give souls to the bodies they have painted or modeled. If they fail they will suffer for trying to imitate the Creator.

Daredevils have experienced a fatal summer, a jumper from airplane to airplane, a "human fly" and a man who shot the Niagara Falls in a barrel have met death.

Arctic explorers report that outcroppings of coal and vast deposits of peat have been found on the northern shores of land nearest to the Pole.

Recent examinations for permanent commissions in the army failed to fill up the required quota by more than 200. Another examination will be held.

If all the land were washed down into the ocean, the whole world would be covered with water at least two miles deep. The greatest ocean depth, almost six miles, has been discovered near the Ladrone Islands in the Pacific. The warm waters of the tropics seem to support a less abundant life than the cold Polar seas. The greater intermediate and deep parts of the ocean are practically unknown and our knowledge is limited to the inhabitants of the surface. Aquiculture is susceptible of scientific treatment, as is agriculture.—Professor Herdman, professor of oceanography, Liverpool University.

"I feel satisfied that I have found the plantation and the very hill where God made the first annual white sweet clover plant," says H. D. Hughes, of the Iowa Agricultural Station. The spot is near Newbern, Alabama.

Bathtubs are to be standardized. A convention at St. Louis was told that there are 1,000 bathtub designs now in use and that production was slow as a result.

Peter Vidovitch, registered as a charity guest at the New York municipal lodging house, died on a pauper's cot. Then it was discovered that he owned Liberty bonds, jewelry, money and mining claims totaling \$125,000.

For the tenth time in a year M. L. Gransberry has been officially pronounced dead by physicians at Houston, Texas. On several of the former nine "demises" Gransberry revived just in time to escape burial.

While American papers were carrying front page photographs and stories of the Lord Mayor of Cork, European newspapers devoted short items in obscure positions of the papers.

Miss Mabel Boardman, prominent Red Cross worker, was appointed a commissioner of the District of Columbia by President Wilson. She is the first woman ever to hold the place.

Potatoes will cost more than they are worth to transport three hundred miles, under the new freight rates in Canada. Then there is the cost of getting them to the consumer. The answer would appear to be—"Raise your potatoes where you are."

One reason for the high cost of living in England may be that 50 years ago that country had almost three times as much land under wheat as it has today.

The world's largest crane is in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. It can lift a load of 350 tons.

Coal in commercial quantities is found in 28 of the states and territories of the United States.

Argentina has a cute way of recognizing large families. When a seventh son is born to an Argentine family the president of the republic automatically becomes the godfather.

Tuesday, September 14, was the 106th anniversary of the "Star Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key, while he was held on board a British warship during the bombardment of the forts at Baltimore, Maryland, September 14, 1814.

The Italian workers, who have taken over the factories in Northern Italy to run on the communal plan, launched a destroyer with red and black flags flying. Signora Pietro Mascagno, wife of the musical composer, acted as godmother for the new ship.

Scientific detectives "shadowed" a cat which hung around a wharf in Newark, New Jersey, and thereby recovered \$300,000 worth of stolen German dyes. Seventeen men were arrested also as the result of the queer orange spots on the cat's hide which started the detectives on the trail.

During 19 months 126,000 persons were killed in automobile accidents in the United States. This included 21,000 children. Estimates place the death rate higher than battle rates of the recent war, and show an average of a death every 35 minutes.

September 9th was celebrated throughout California as the seventieth anniversary of the admission of that state to the Union.

The Dutch Government will offer a large money prize to the first Dutch aviator to fly from Holland to Java. Three entries have been made to date.

General Pershing celebrated his sixtieth birthday Monday, September 13, in Washington, by giving a dinner to the members of his staff in the A. E. F.

Boston girls have made a comfortable camping lodge in the hulk of the old pilot boat Columbia which was wrecked on the shore at Scituate, Massachusetts, in 1898.

Six thousand farmers met in a bullring at Granada as the result of an attempt by the steward of the Duke of Wellington to evict peasants from the land of the duke. The grant was made to the Iron Duke after the peninsular war against Napoleon, but the peasants and their ancestors had occupied the land for hundreds of years. It was proposed that the Spanish Government acquire the property by redemption.

On the same day that he was awarded the Croix de Guerre for bravery in the war, Frederick Chester Ladd, former captain of American Marines, died in Switzerland.

The Japanese Government police have placed a ban upon labor meetings designed to stir up feeling in the California controversy over Japanese immigration.

A conference of delegates looking to a union of the Central American republics opens this month in San Salvador. The Central American states which may unite are Guatemala, Nicaragua, Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica.

The American speed record for a naval destroyer was made by the Satterlee in a standardization trial over a measured course off Rockland, Maine. She made a mile at the rate of 38.26 knots an hour.

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